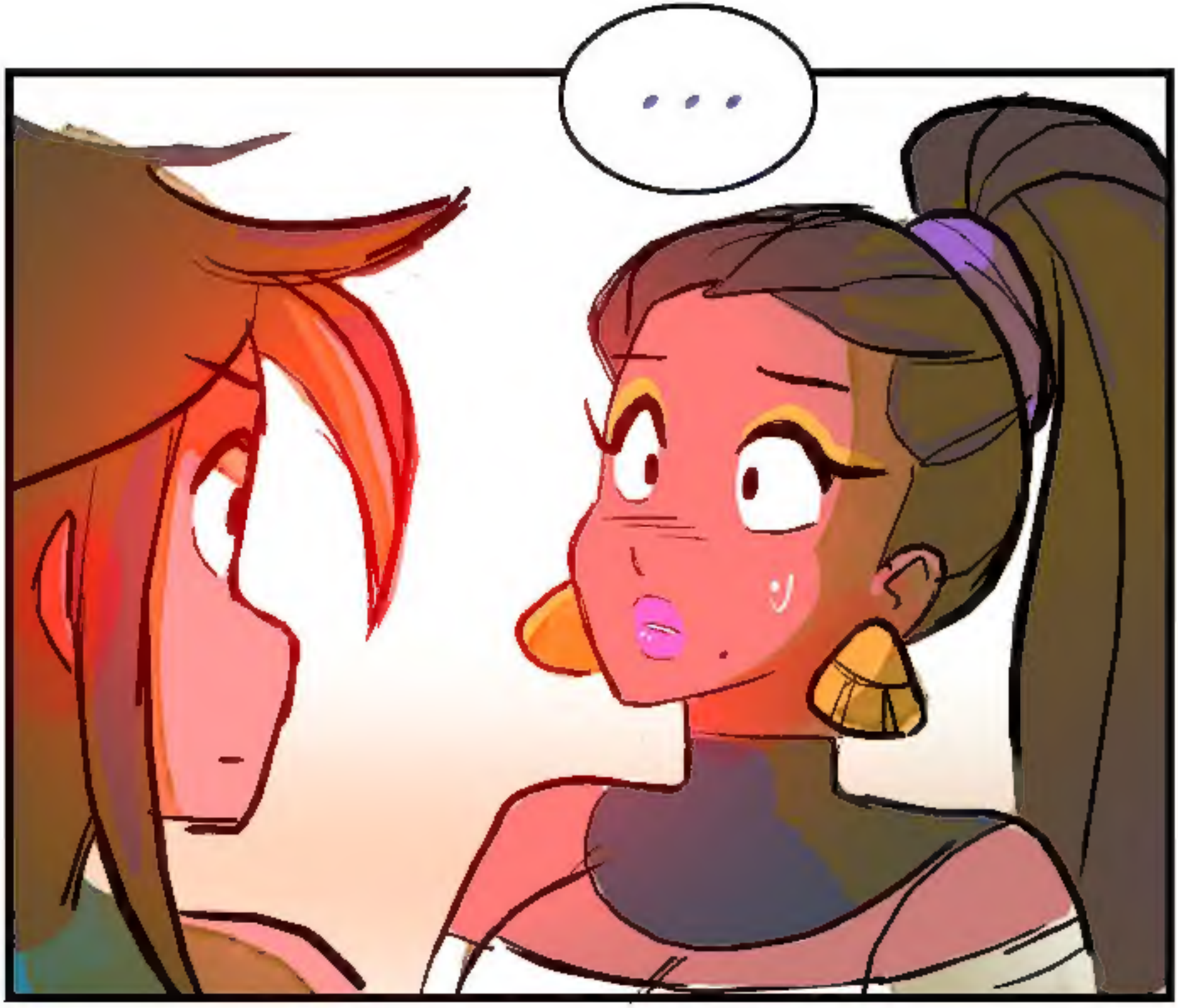
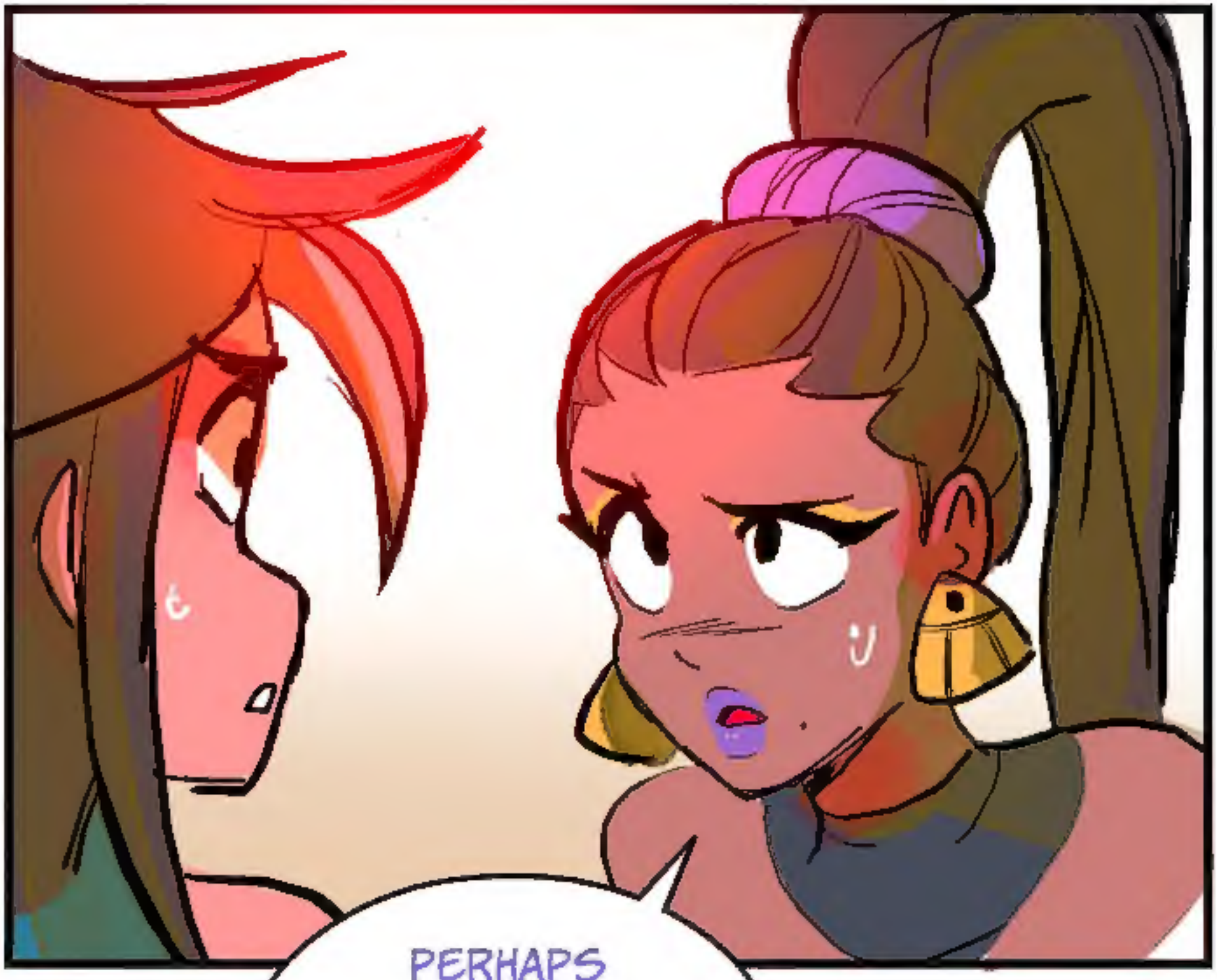
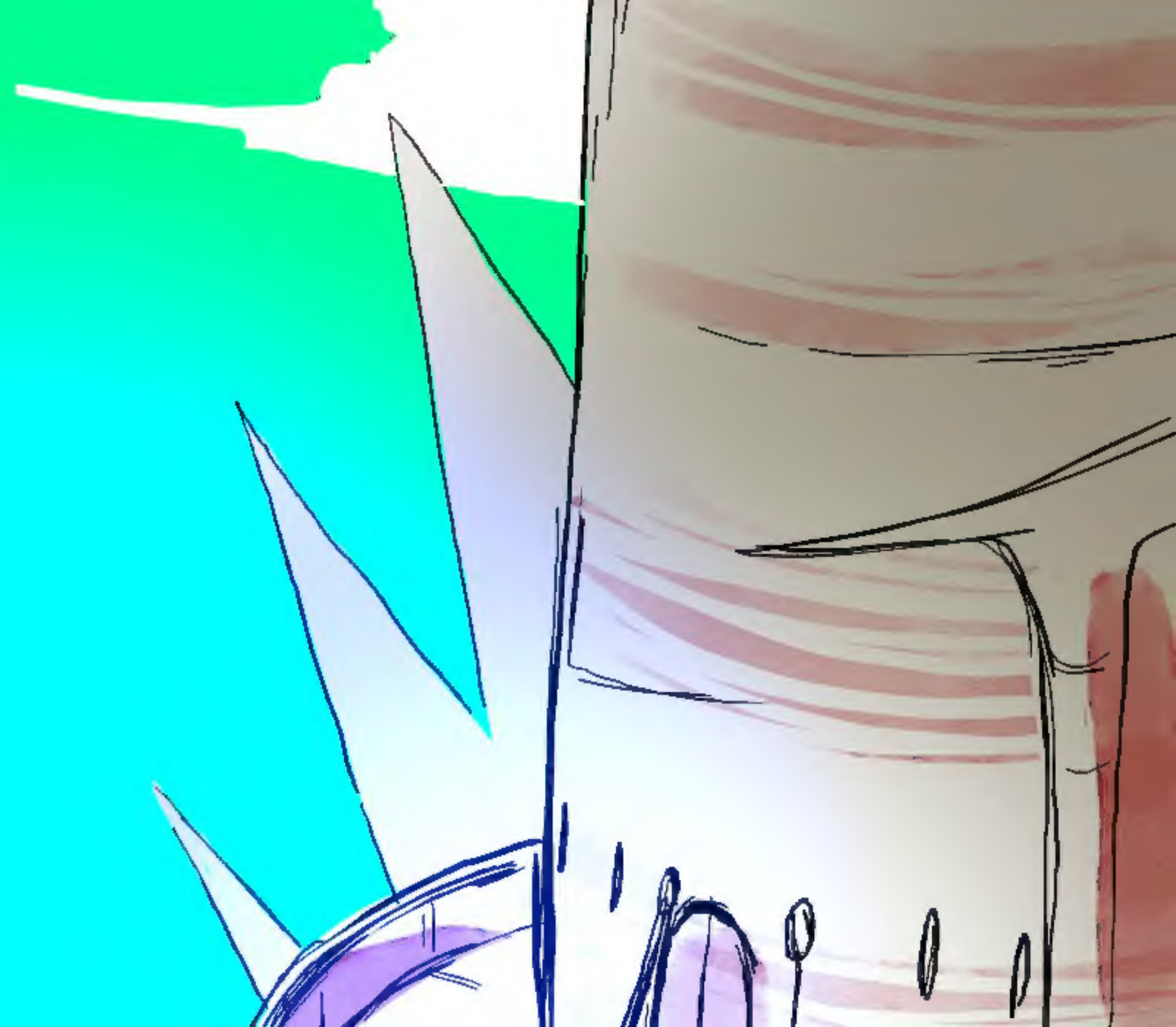
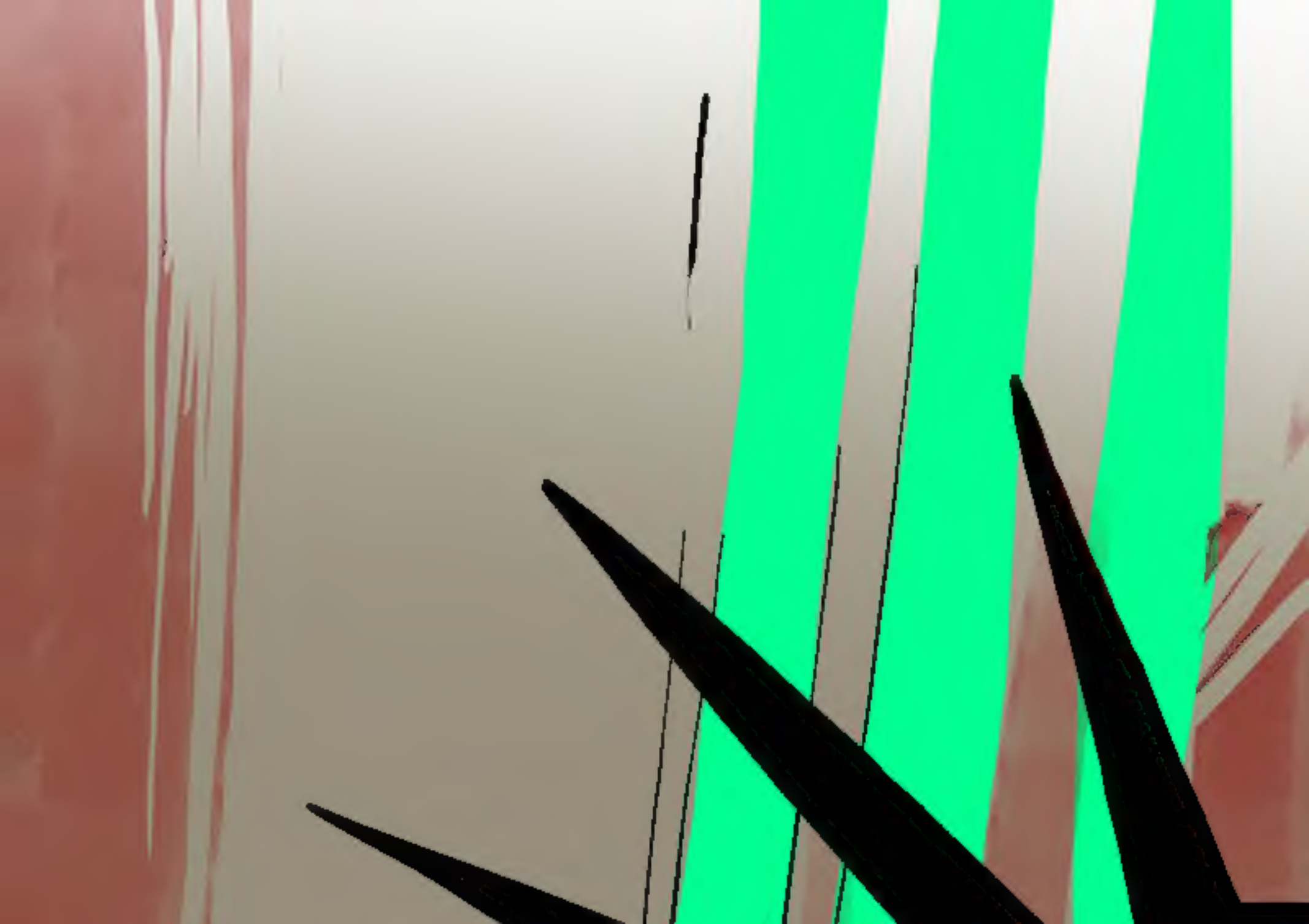
YOU WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT *THIS*, WOULD YOU?



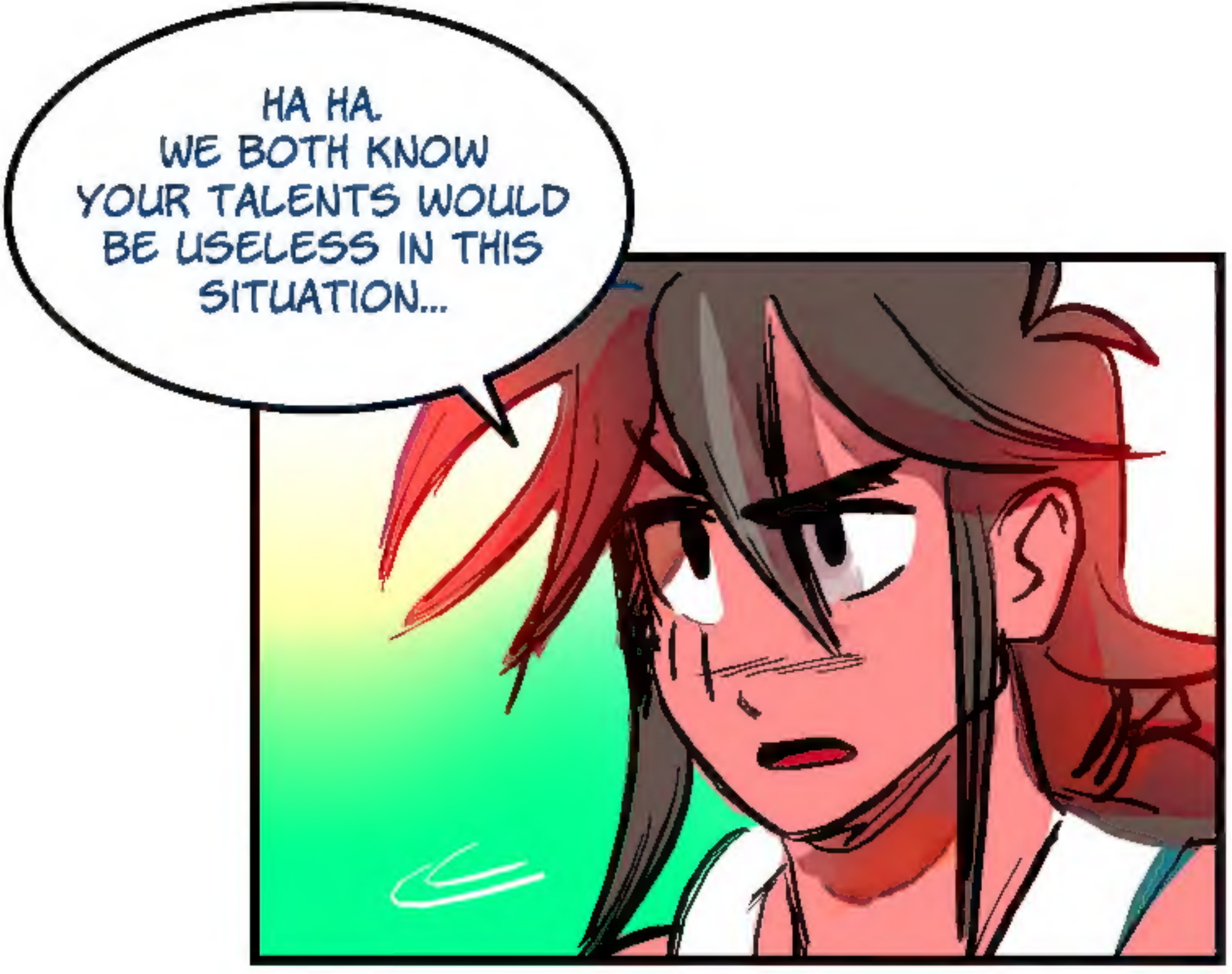

PERHAPS WE SHOULD SPEAK PRIVATELY FOR A MOMENT...





SO WHAT HAPPENED?
PLEASE TELL ME YOU DIDN'T DO ANYTHING RECKLESS...
BESIDES COMING HERE ALONE... WITHOUT WARNING.

WELL! AREN'T YOU THE PESSIMIST?
I CAN HOLD MY OWN, YOU KNOW.
MAYBE IT WAS I WHO SLAYED THE BOSS!


HA HA.
WE BOTH KNOW
YOUR TALENTS WOULD
BE USELESS IN THIS
SITUATION...

PARDON?
WASN'T IT MY
"USELESS" TALENTS
THAT HEALED YOUR WHOLE
PARTY AFTER WHATEVER
TROUBLE YOU GOT
YOURSELVES
INTO?

DON'T ACT LIKE YOU'RE OFFENDED.
IT'S PRECISELY BECAUSE YOU'RE A TALENTED HEALER THAT YOU DON'T HAVE ANY DESTRUCTIVE TALENTS.
...YOU'RE BLEEDING, BY THE WAY.

OH
DEAR!

MMM!

ROOM of
SWORDS

CHAPTER 42

"SCREAM A SONG"

PHEW! MENDING ALL THOSE SHADOW BURNS AT ONCE TAKES A LOT OUT OF ME.

YOU BROUGHT MORE MANANA MUFFINS WITH YOU?

SURE DID! IN FACT, I BROUGHT THE WHOLE STASH!
NEPHTHYS! WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE RATIONING--

OH,
DON'T WORRY
SO MUCH!
I HAVE
A FEELING
THEY'LL COME
IN HANDY...

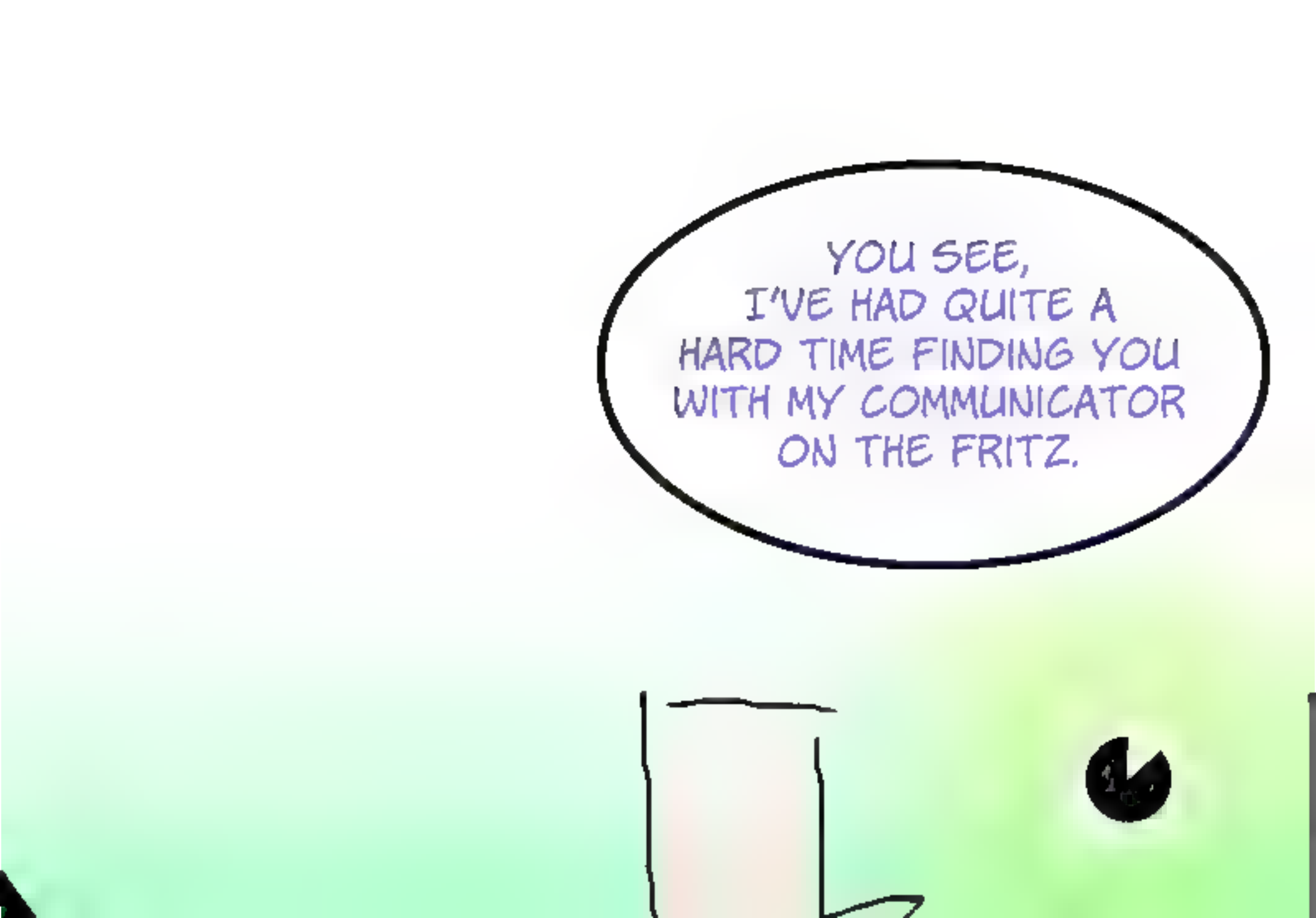
BESIDES,
WE'LL NEED TO
KEEP OUR ENERGY FULL
WHEN WE FIGHT
THE BOSS!
!

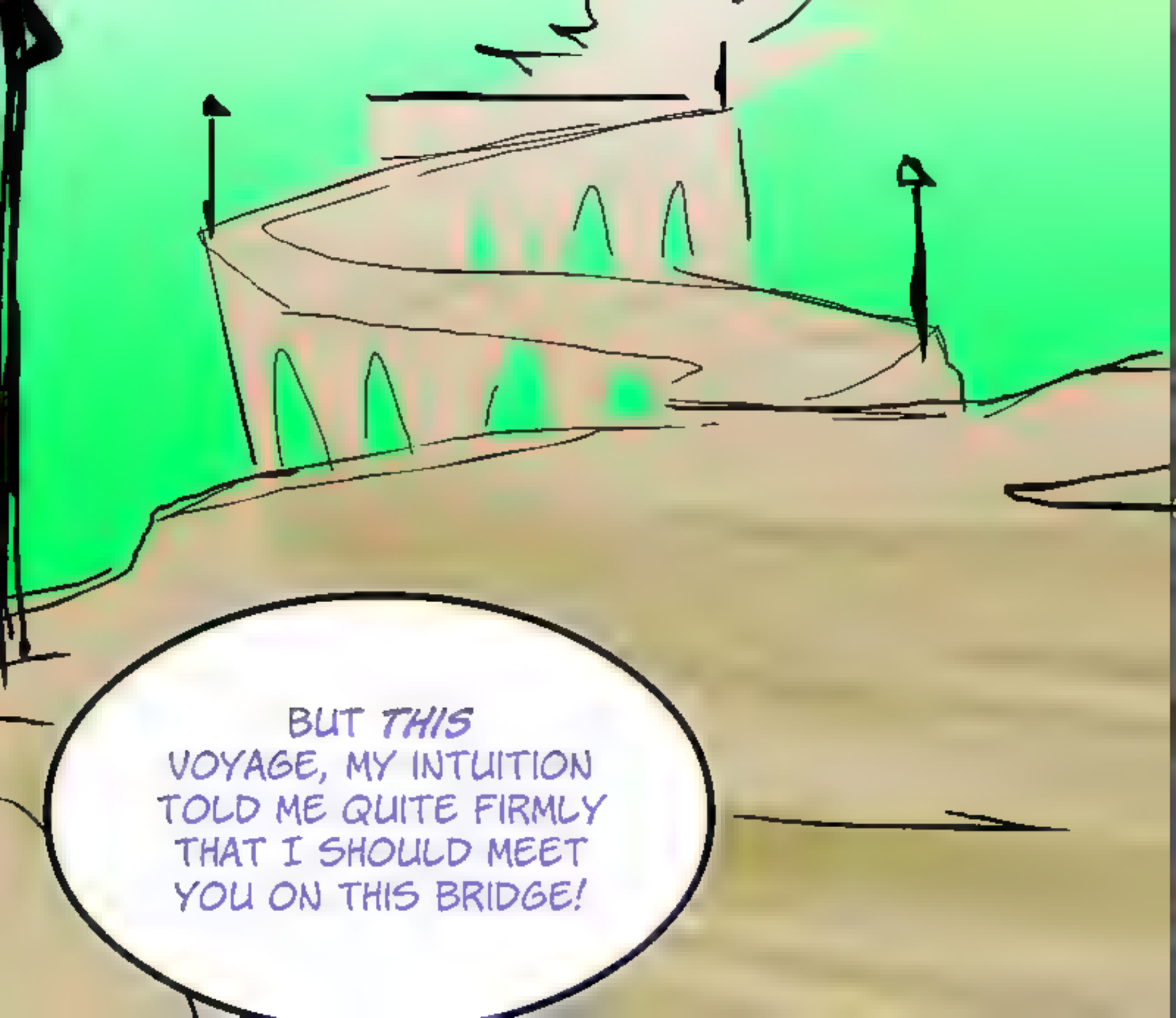
... WHAT DO YOU MEAN "WHEN WE FIGHT THE BOSS"?

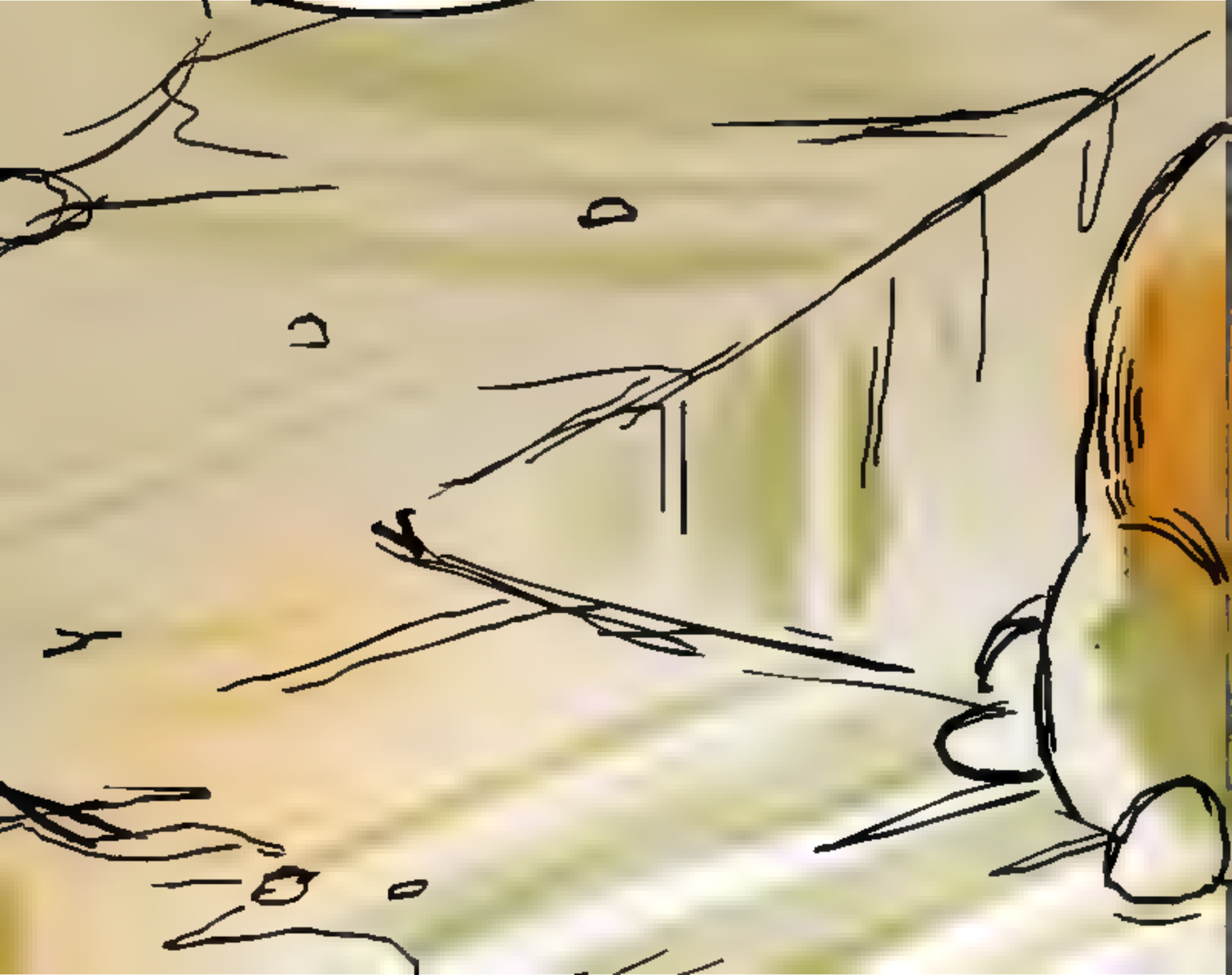
THE BOSS IS DEAD!

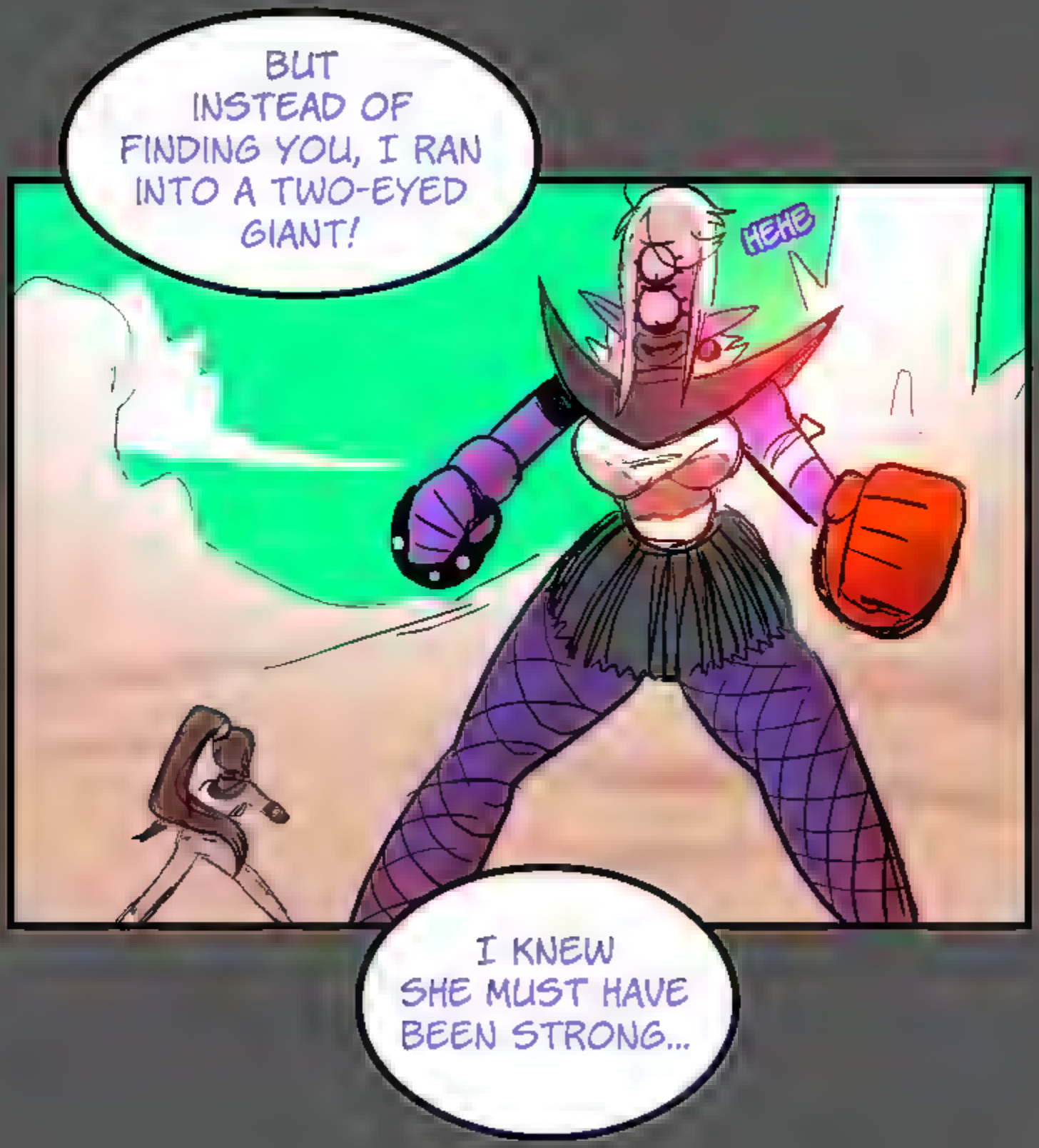
AH HEH HEH...
WELL... SHE MAY NOT EXACTLY BE THE ONLY BOSS NOW...
TAP
TAP

NEPHTHYS?? DON'T TELL ME--


YOU SEE,
I'VE HAD QUITE A
HARD TIME FINDING YOU
WITH MY COMMUNICATOR
ON THE FRITZ.


BUT *THIS* VOYAGE, MY INTUITION TOLD ME QUITE FIRMLY THAT I SHOULD MEET YOU ON THIS BRIDGE!



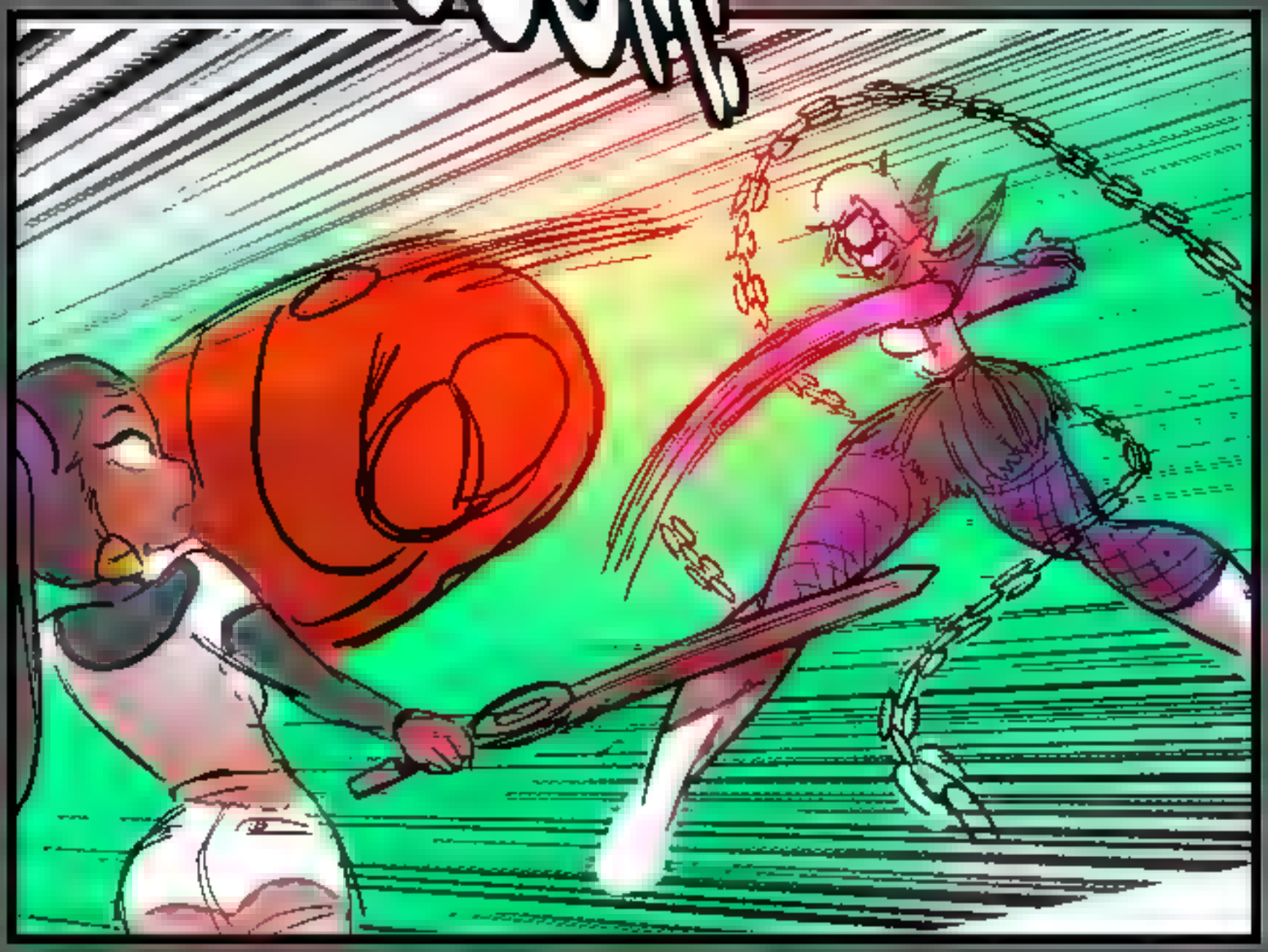

BUT INSTEAD OF FINDING YOU, I RAN INTO A TWO-EYED GIANT!
HEHE
I KNEW SHE MUST HAVE BEEN STRONG...

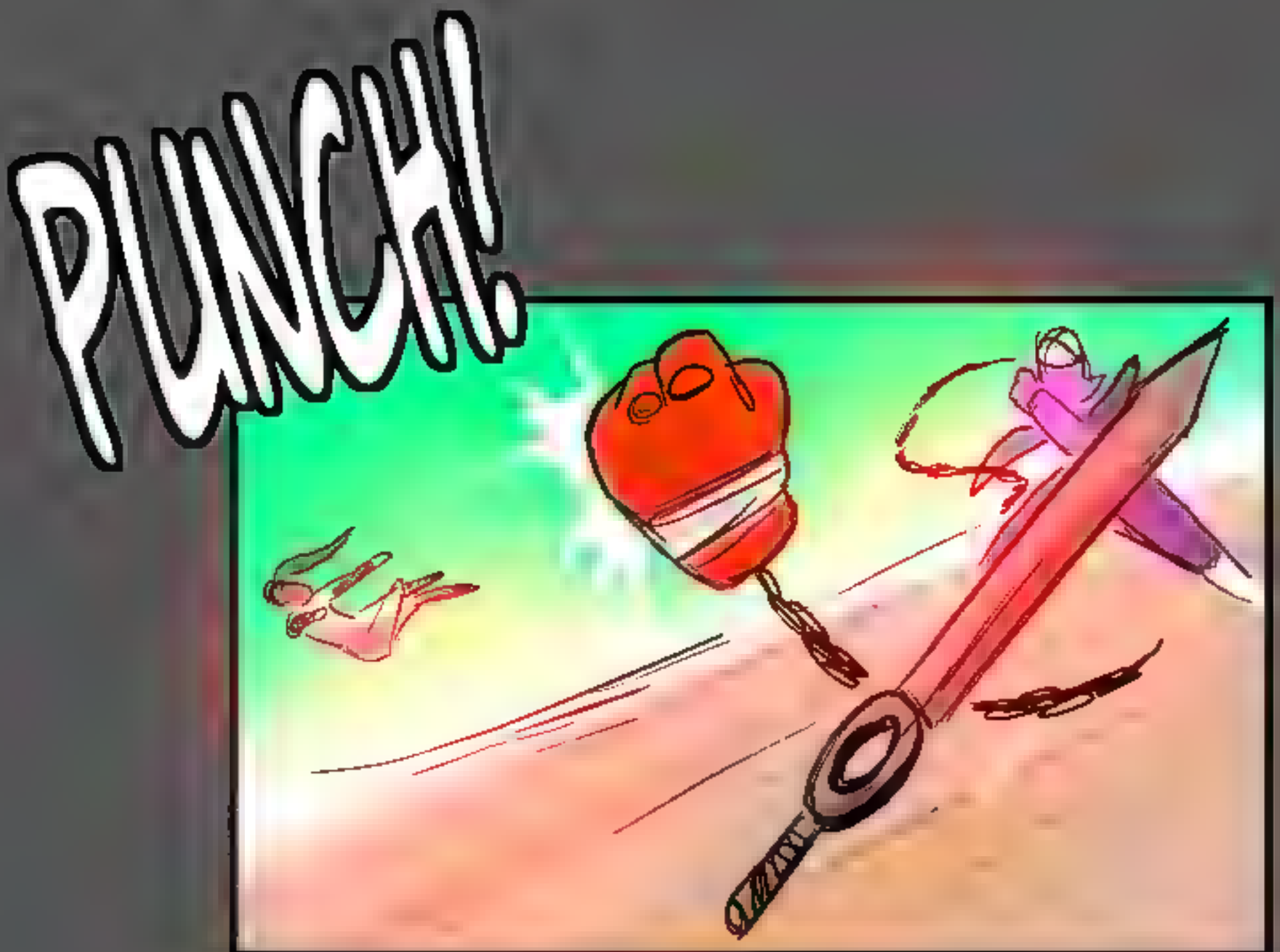
О боже...

BUT I WAS FEELING CONFIDENT BECAUSE I WAS FOLLOWING MY INTUITION.
IT WAS GOING WELL ENOUGH AT FIRST...

ZAKOOOOOOM!

BUT SHE HAD THIS HIDDEN WEAPON...



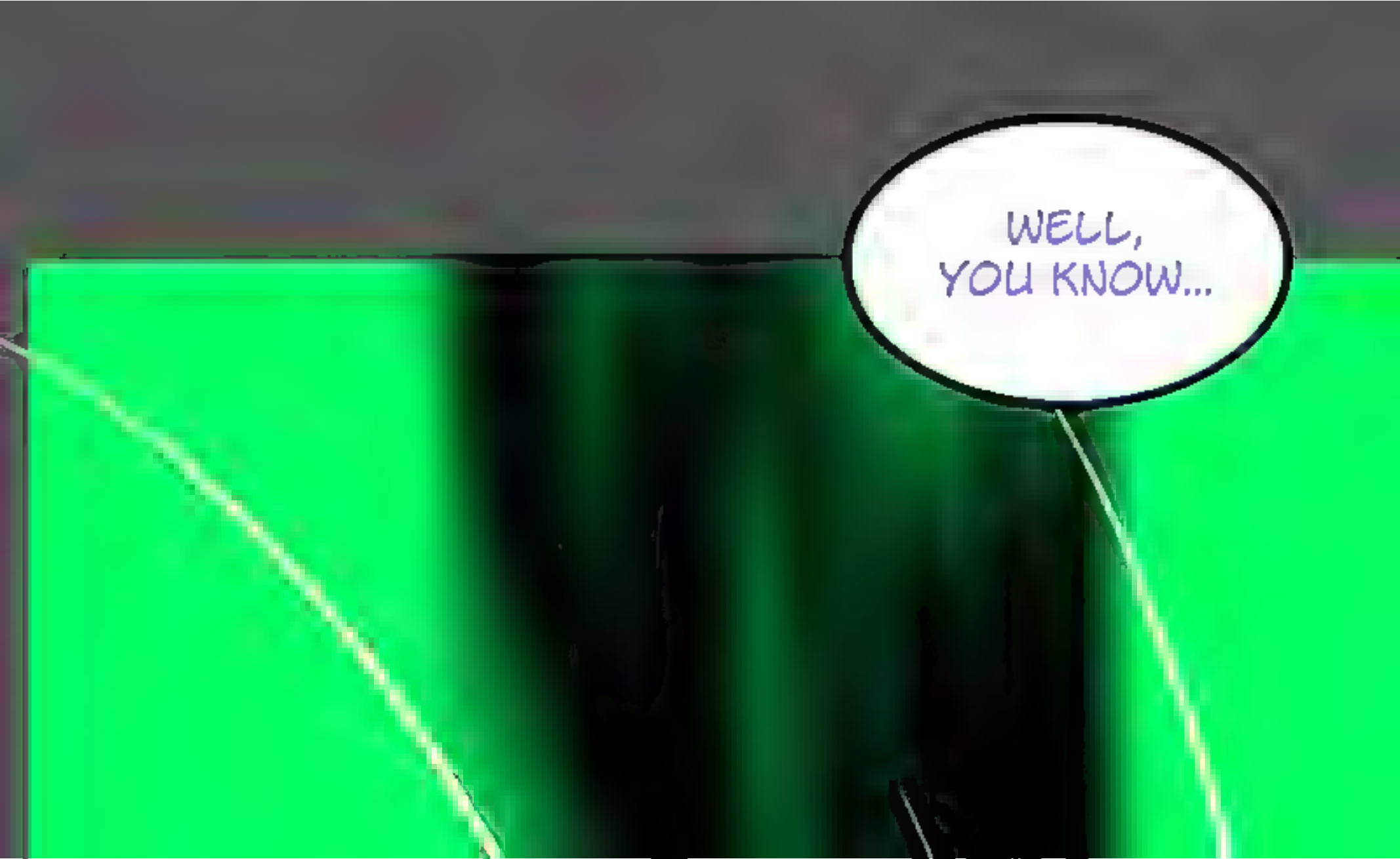

PUNCH!

I MANAGED TO ESCAPE...

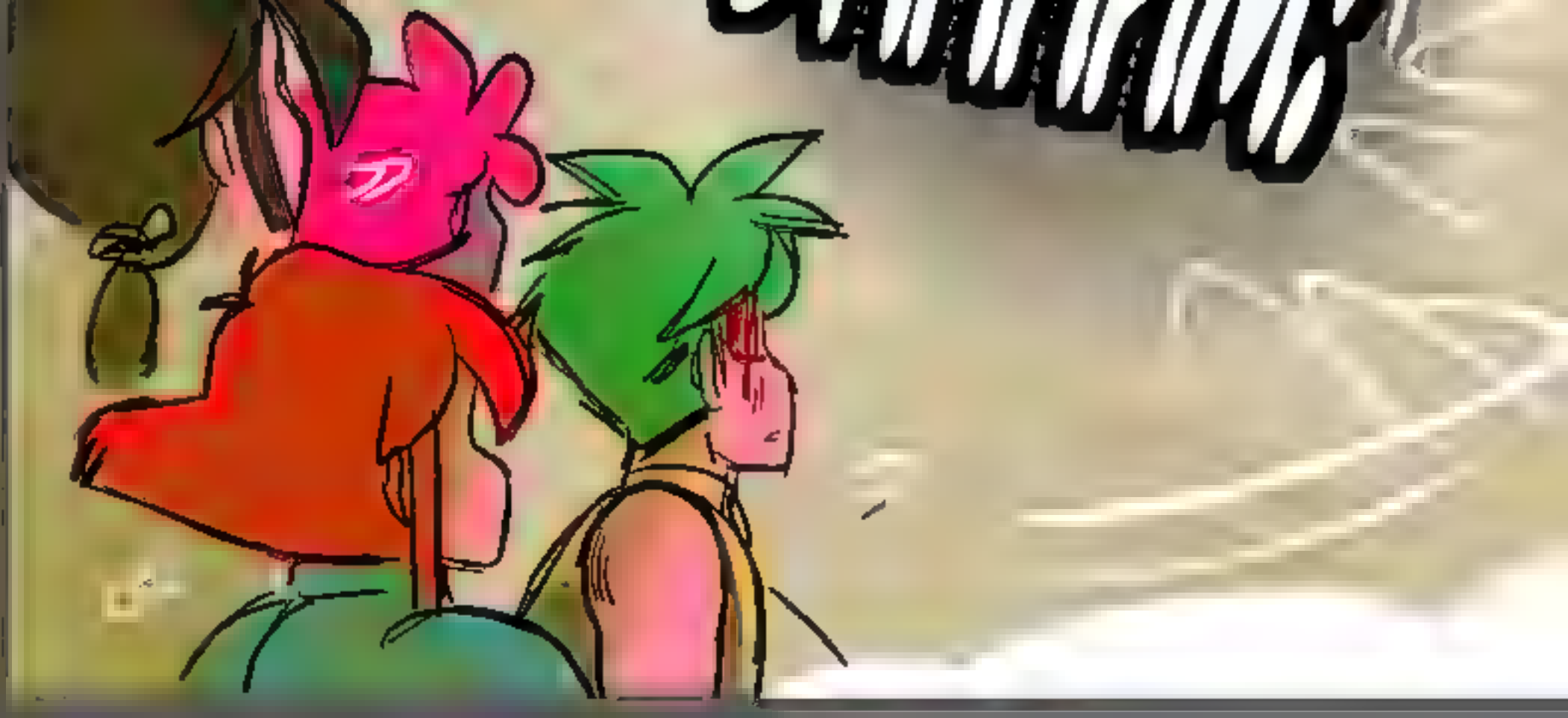
BUT
SHE GOT
MY SWORD...
HAHAHAHA!

SHE RAN OFF INTO THAT CASTLE AND NOT LONG AFTER...

NUUUUUUUUUUMM!


WELL,
YOU KNOW...

BAAAM



черт побери = Damn it (Russian)

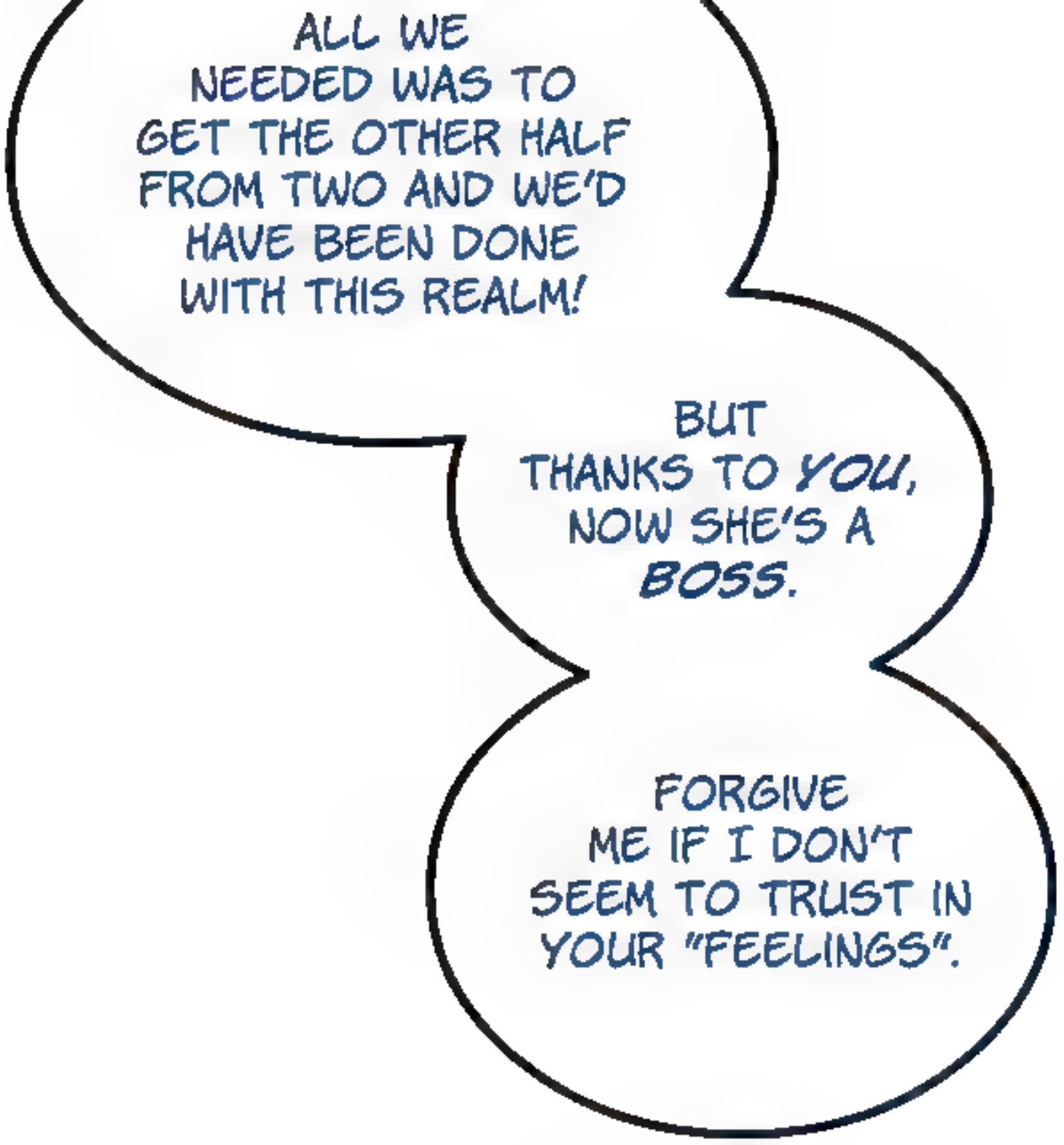
NEPHTYS!

HOW COULD YOU LET THIS HAPPEN!?

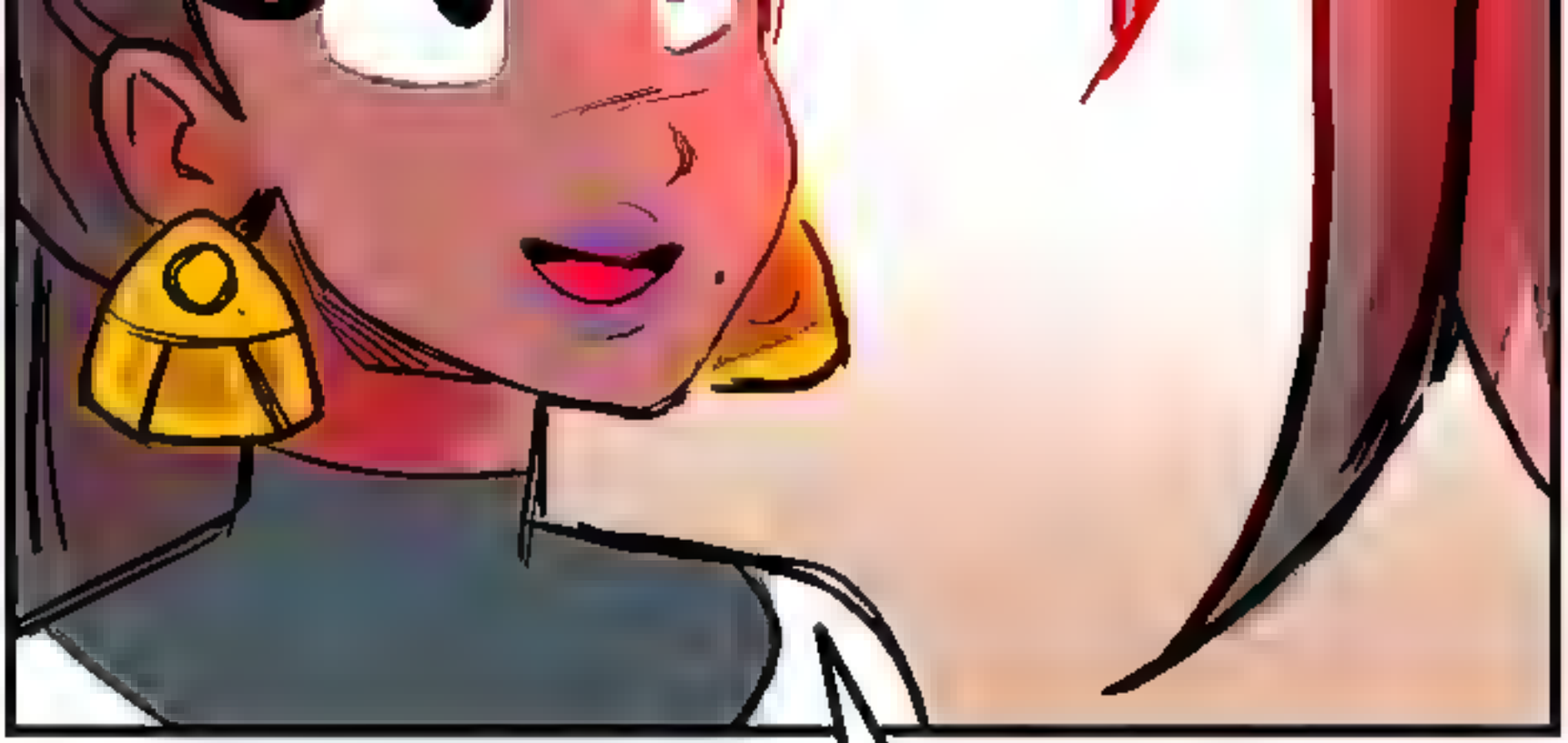
DON'T WORRY!
I STILL HAVE A GOOD FEELING ABOUT ALL OF THIS!

OY, YOU AND YOUR FEELINGS...

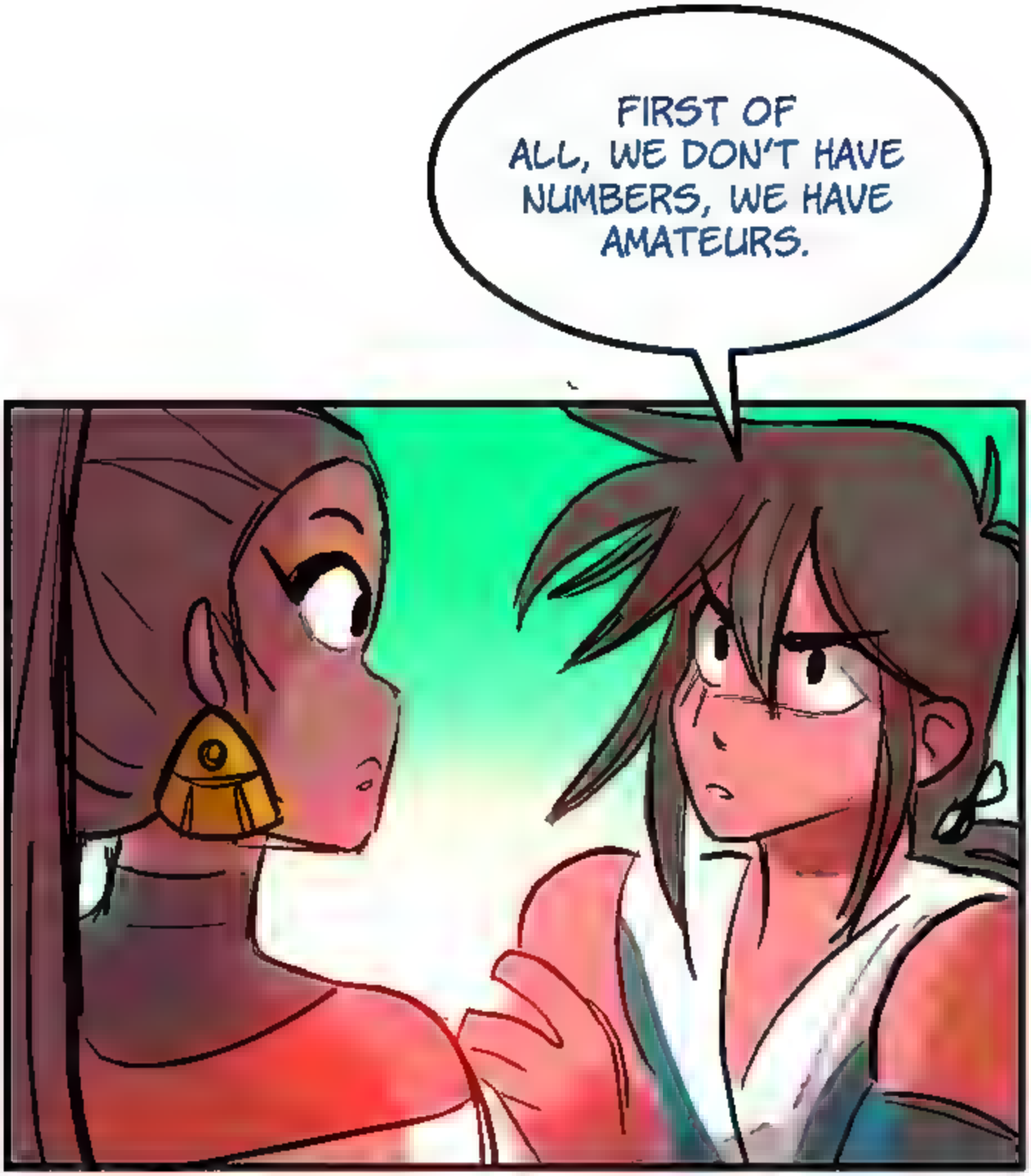
WE ALREADY HAD HALF OF THE BOSS SWORD.

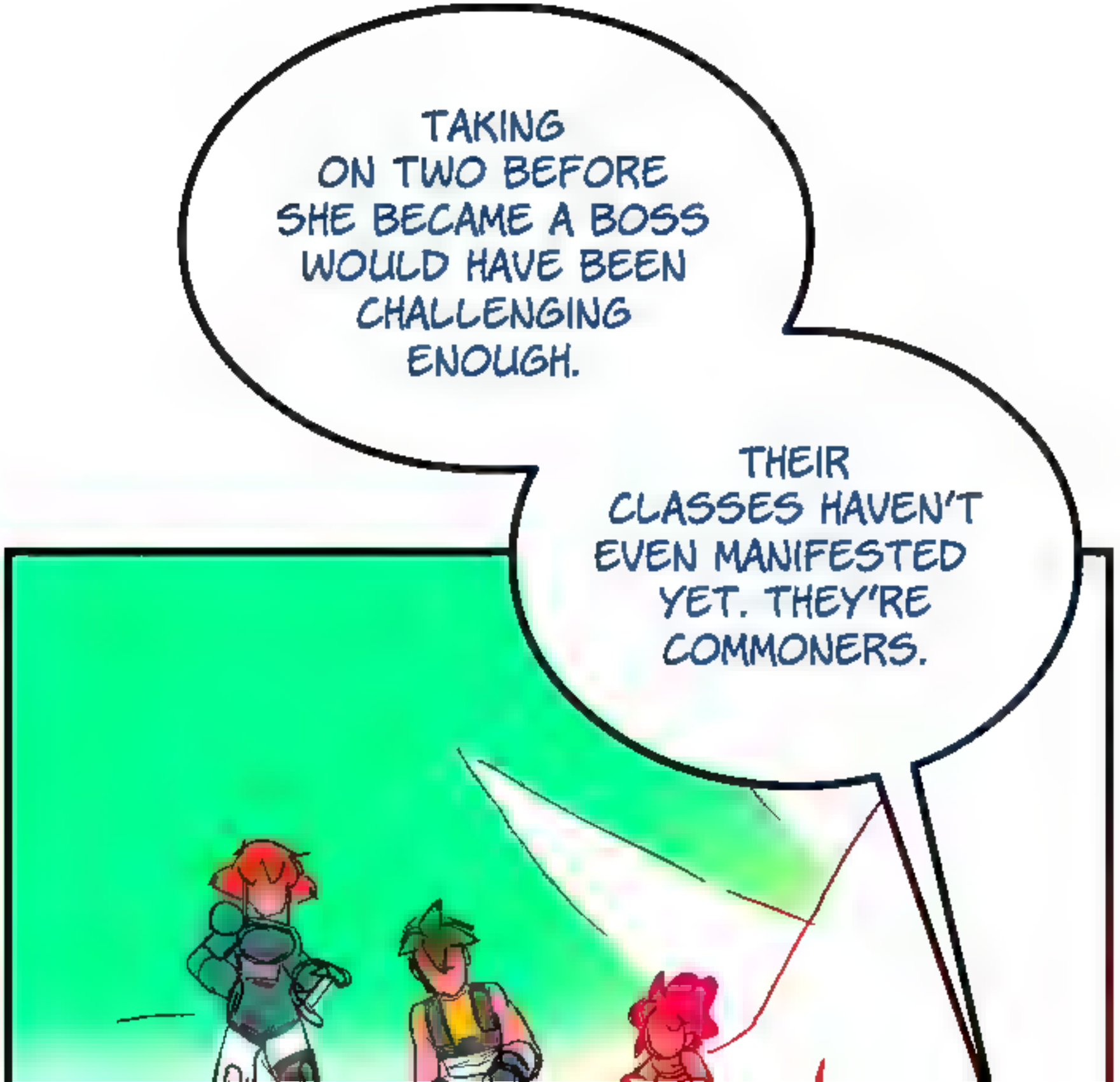

ALL WE NEEDED WAS TO GET THE OTHER HALF FROM TWO AND WE'D HAVE BEEN DONE WITH THIS REALM!
BUT THANKS TO YOU, NOW SHE'S A BOSS.
FORGIVE ME IF I DON'T SEEM TO TRUST IN YOUR "FEELINGS".

OH, KODY... YOU'RE ACTING AS THOUGH WE'VE NEVER BEATEN A BOSS BEFORE.
YOU'VE GOT ME TO HELP YOU OUT NOW, AND A GOOD SIZED TEAM.

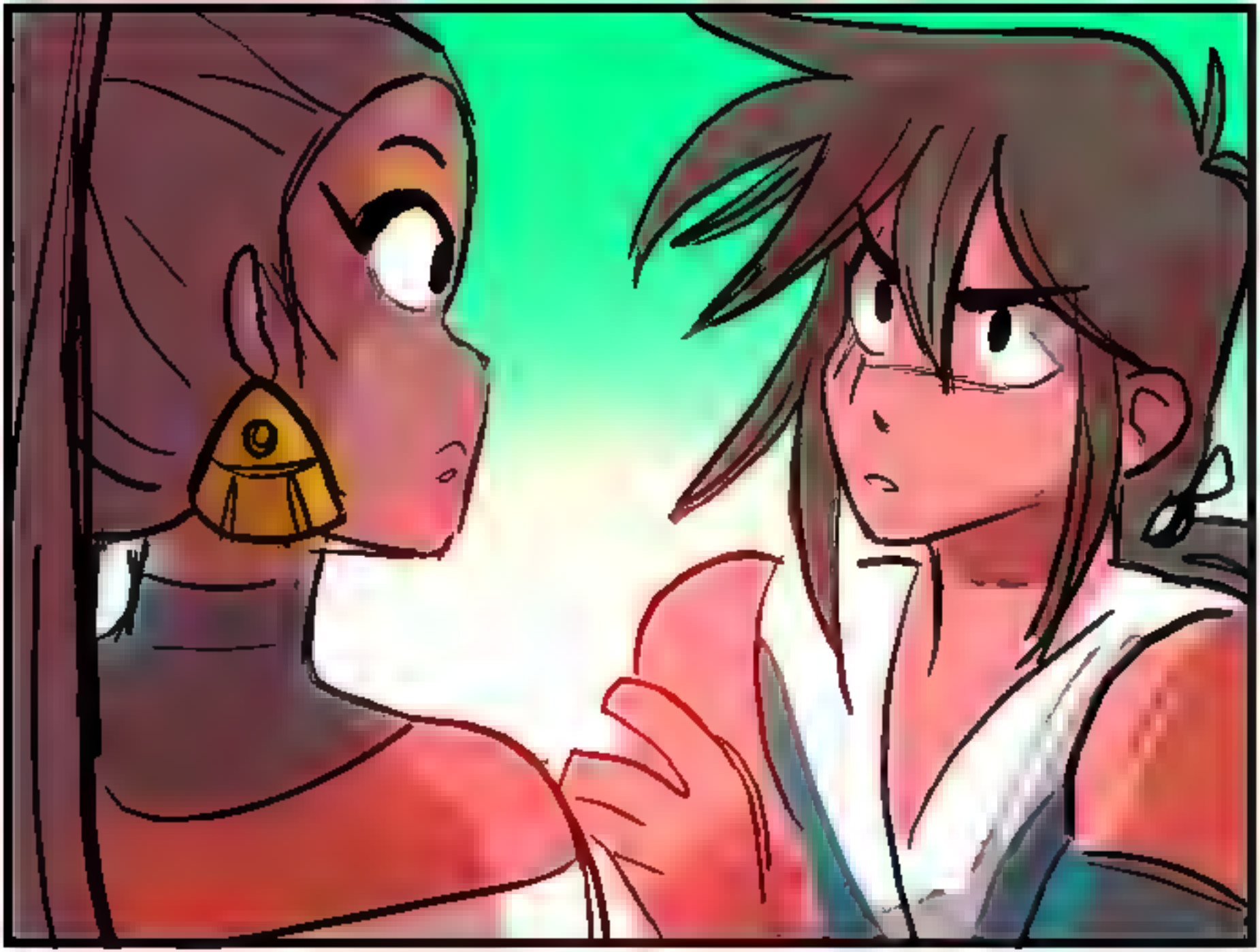


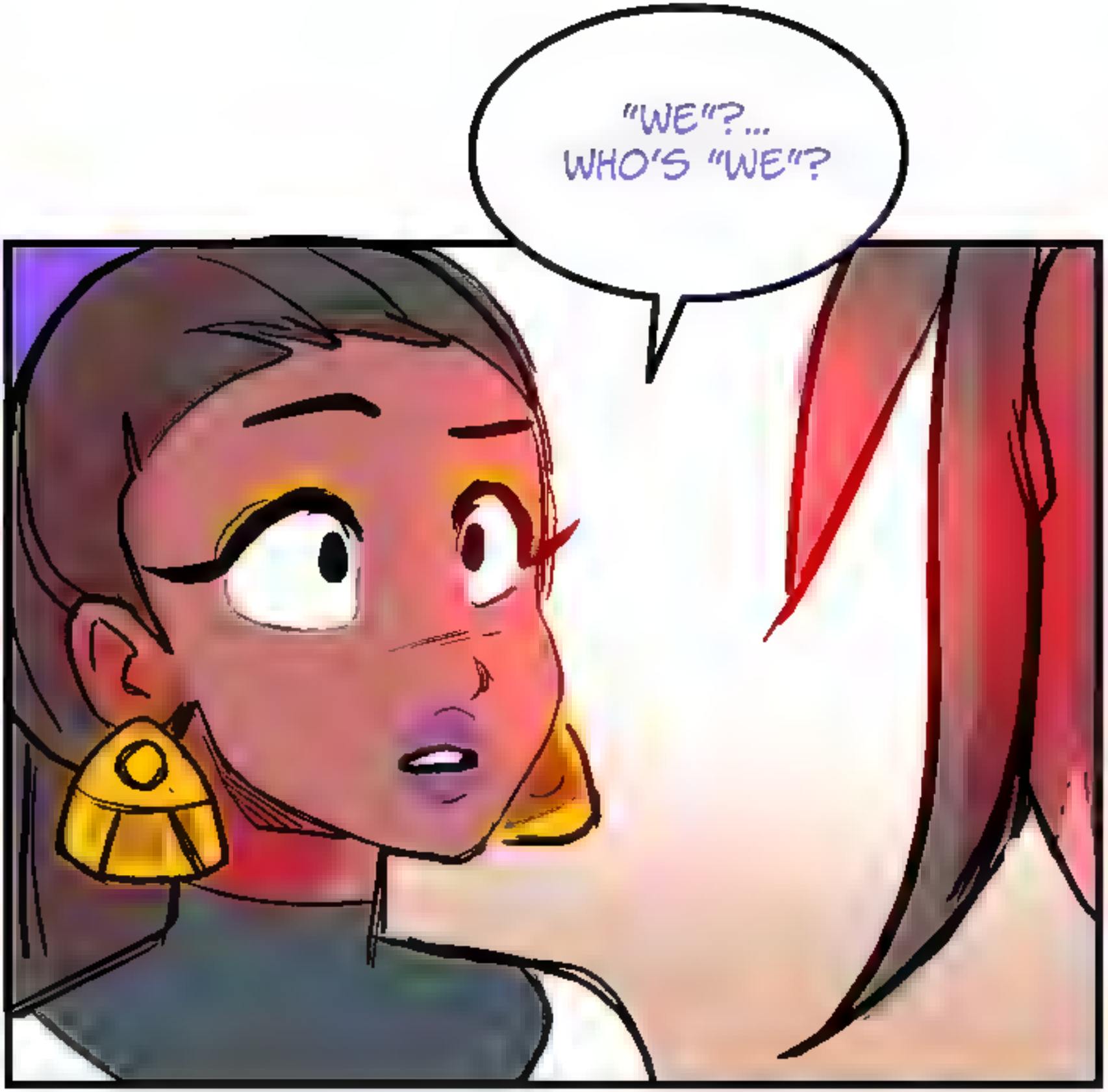
THE NUMBERS ARE ON OUR SIDE!


FIRST OF ALL, WE DON'T HAVE NUMBERS, WE HAVE AMATEURS.


TAKING ON TWO BEFORE SHE BECAME A BOSS WOULD HAVE BEEN CHALLENGING ENOUGH.
THEIR CLASSES HAVEN'T EVEN MANIFESTED YET. THEY'RE COMMONERS.

AND SECONDLY, YOU LOST YOUR SWORD.
SO IF ANYTHING GOES WRONG, WHAT DO WE DO? RESTART WITHOUT YOU?




"WE"?...
WHO'S "WE"?

LISTEN, I HAD NO CHOICE, OKAY?
!

YOU GAVE HIM A SWORD?!
KODY! YOU WERE JUST SUPPOSED TO BRING HIM BACK!

DON FORBID IT UNTIL HE'S HAD A CHANCE TO--

I TRIED! BUT HE NEEDED CONTEXT AND TRAINING.

YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT HE

WAS LIKE WHEN I FOUND HIM. HE WAS A DANGER TO HIMSELF AND OTHERS!

...HOW MUCH HAVE YOU TOLD HIM?
ONLY WHAT HE NEEDS TO KNOW.

I KNOW YOU IDOLIZED HIM... WE *ALL* DID.
BUT WHAT HE DID--
WE WOULDN'T SURVIVE ANOTHER INCIDENT LIKE THAT.

TRUST ME, I KNOW BETTER THAN ANYONE.
THIS ISN'T

OBVIOUSLY NOT THE PERSON THAT HE WAS BEFORE.

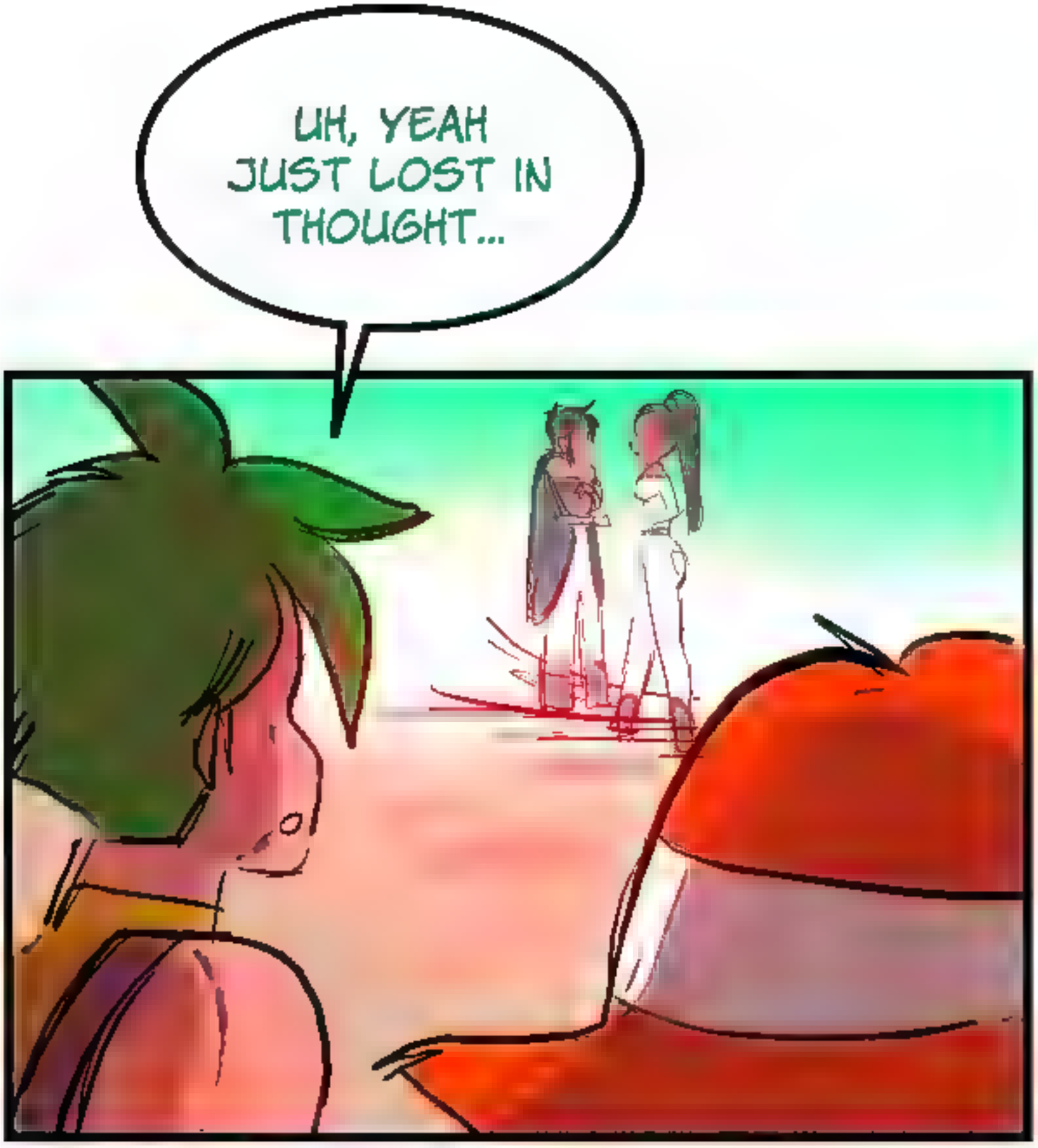
HE'S JUST A KID.

...
....
GYRUS.

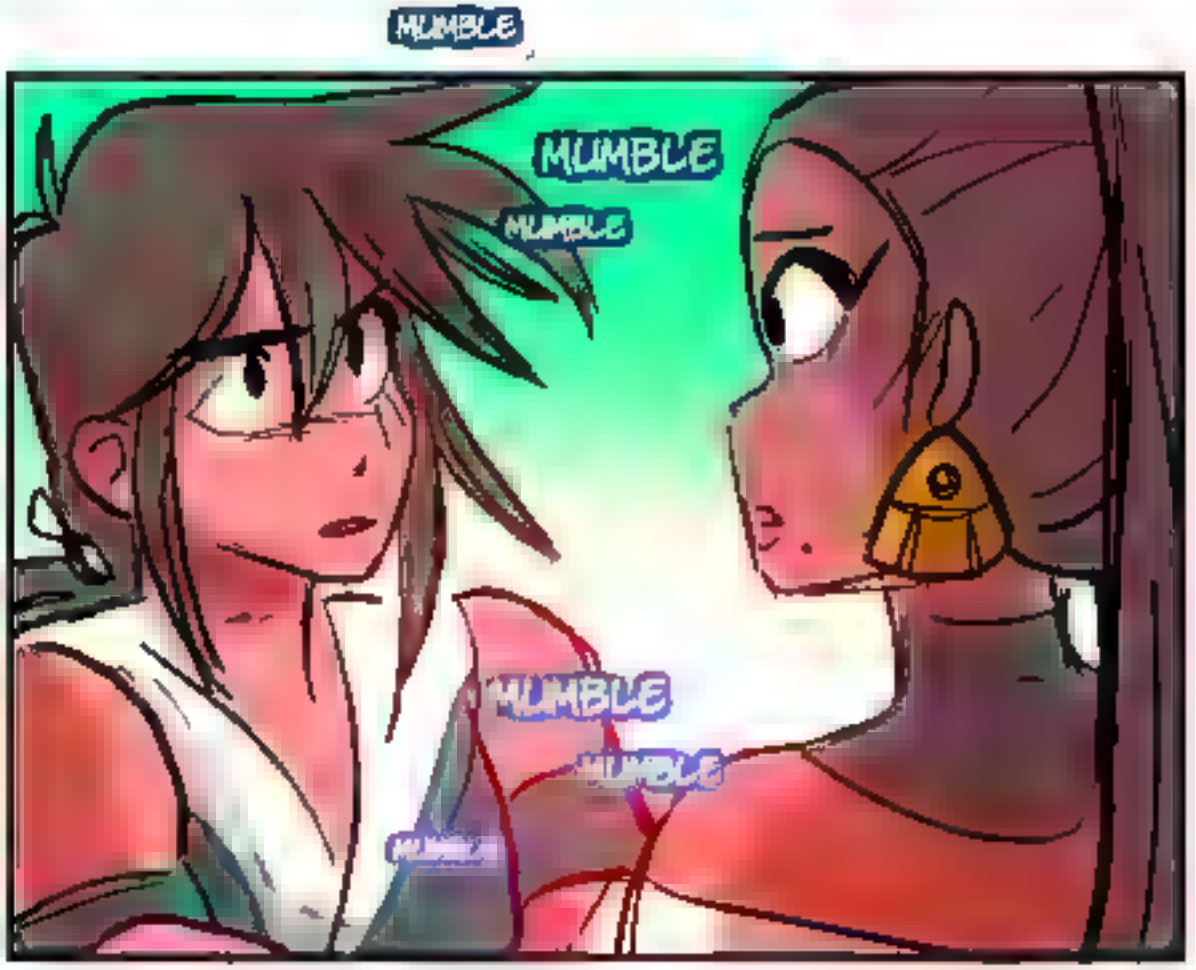
STARTLE

...
SORRY TO INTERRUPT...
MIGHT I JOIN YE FOR A MOMENT?
AH, TORI. UH, YEAH... SURE THING!

... IS EVERYTHING WELL?
SIT


UH, YEAH
JUST LOST IN
THOUGHT...

GLANCE


MUMBLE
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I WANTED TO ASK YE...
WHAT DID THY FRIEND, THE HUNTSMAN, MEAN ON THE BRIDGE BY IT WAS TIME TO "RESET"?

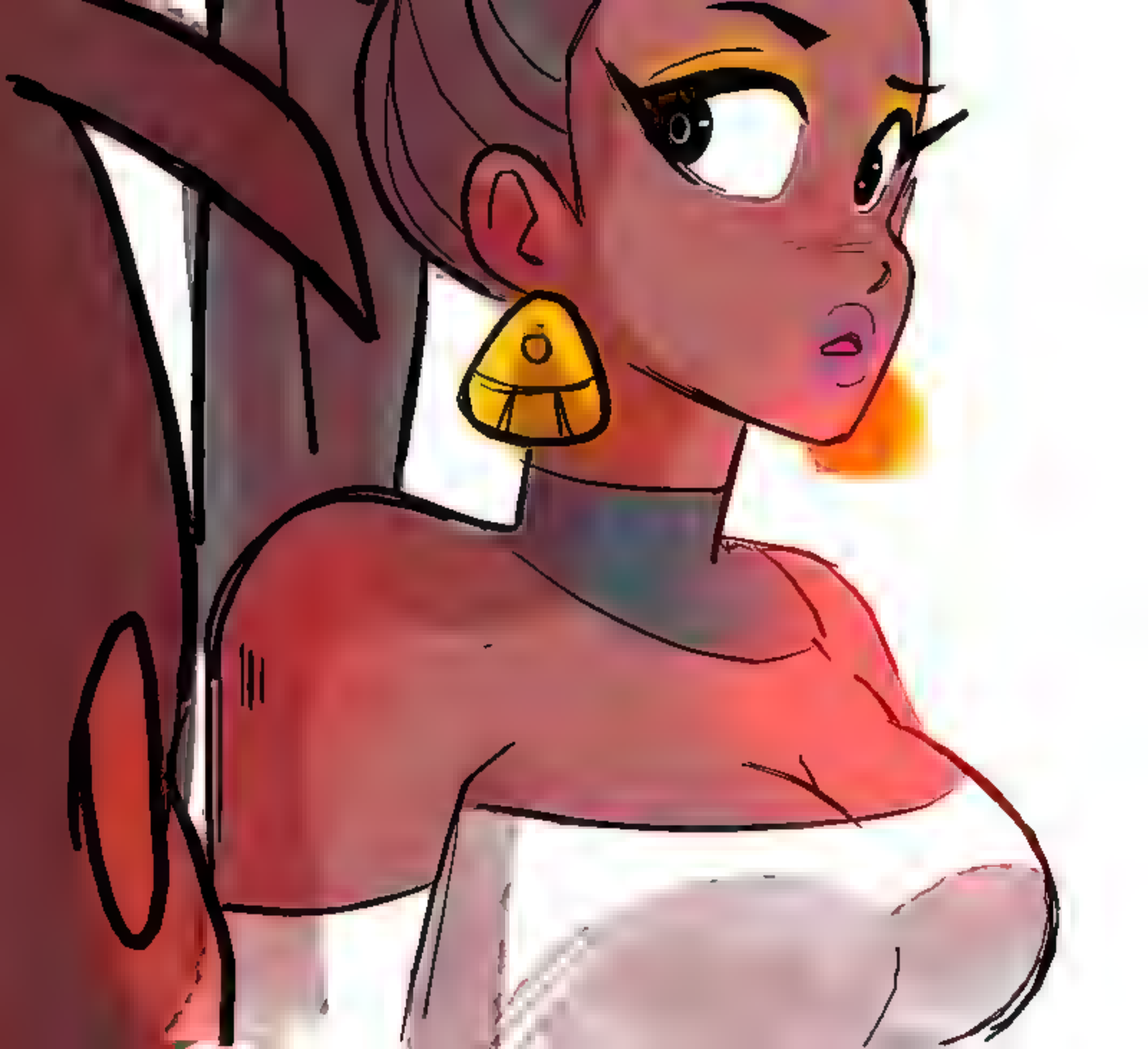
UH!

THAT'S JUST HIS WAY OF SAYING WE SHOULD RUN AWAY.
THOSE SHADOW SOLDIERS ARE PRETTY DANGEROUS...

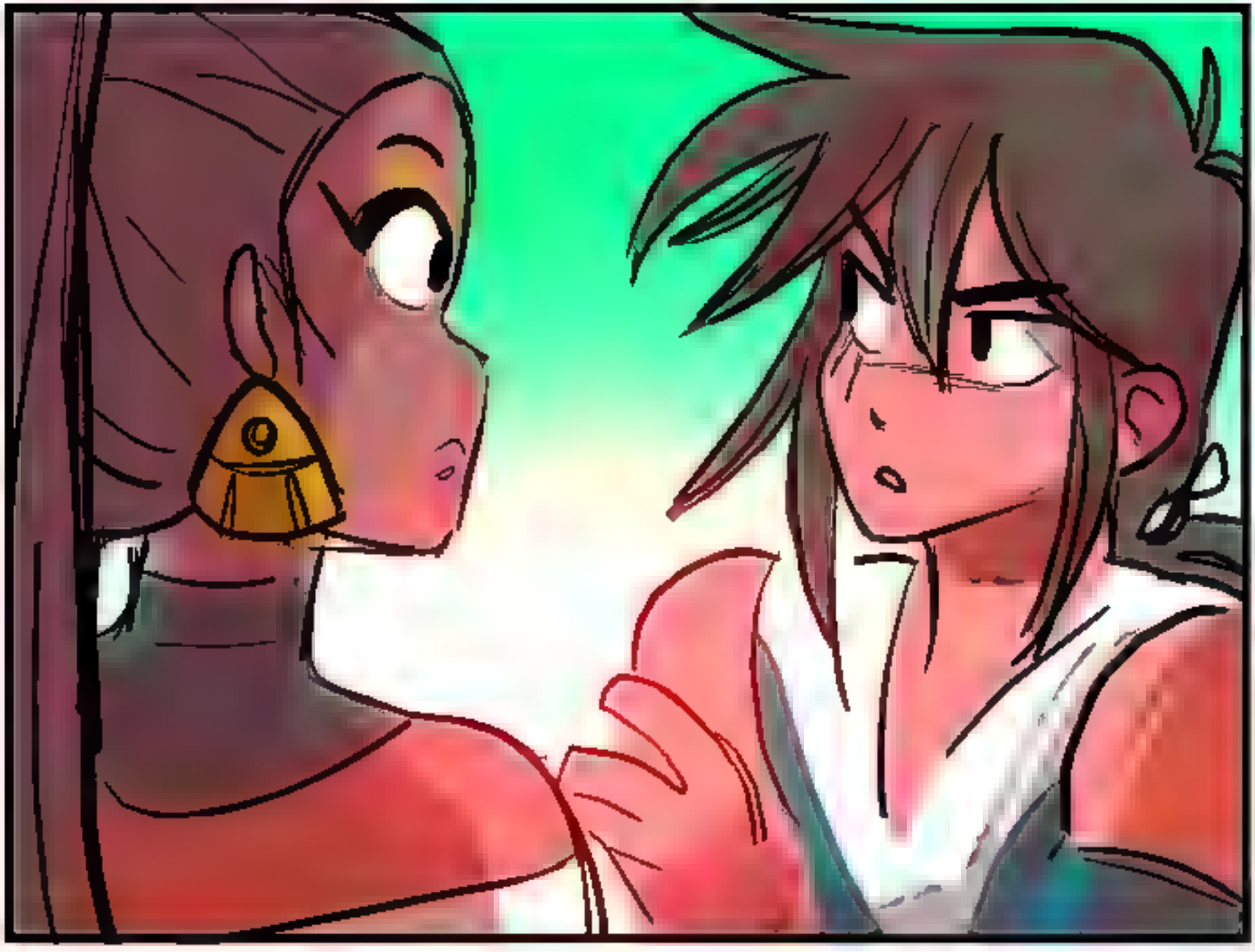
WHAT ARE THEY? DEMONS?

I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY ARE, BUT KODYA SAYS THEY CAN'T BE KILLED...

HE MAY BE A KID NOW, BUT DON'T FORGET WHAT HE'S CAPABLE OF.



HOW CAN I FORGET? IT'S THE WHOLE REASON WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR HIM EVEN AFTER WHAT HAPPENED.



WELL, IF YOU THINK WE CAN TRUST HIM, I SUPPOSE WE CAN USE ALL THE HELP WE CAN GET.
TAP
TAP

AND I HAVE TO ADMIT, HE'S KIND OF A CUTIE!
?

SO YOU'LL GO ALONG WITH IT?

FOR NOW.

BUT WE'LL HAVE TO WIPE HIS PROGRESS BEFORE WE TAKE HIM BACK WITH US.

IT'S FOR HIS OWN GOOD.

ROOM of

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